

Lane County Parks Advisory

August 14th, 2023

Meeting Summary

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Members Present: Greg Hyde, Mike Allen, Darlene Raish, Julie Daniel, Reilly Newman, Timothy Foelker, Richard Vasquez

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Brett Henry, Ed Alverson, Kylee Tupes, Dan Hurley

Guests Present: David Loveall, Kristen Lee, Olivia Duren

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Greg Hyde

Introductions (00:00:00)

00:01:44 Public Comment

- None

00:02:06 Assignment Review

- Find out when Jodi Low completes an article about the PAC for the eNewsletter.
- Schedule Jodi Low to attend a future meeting.
- Review verbiage on the Lane County website for errors or inconsistencies.
- Establish a meeting with Kristen Lee.

00:05:50 Review of Meeting Summary

- Julie Daniels motions to approve the July meeting summary, motion is seconded by Mike Allen. One member abstains, the rest approve the motion, motion passes.

00:11:11 New Business

1. Kristen Lee - Climate Action Plan

- Please see Meeting Materials

2. Olivia Duren – The Freshwater Trust

- Introductions, please see Meeting Materials
- The goal of the project is to improve native climate and habitats for wild fish.
- Project is ready to launch, it just requires permission from the county administrator.
- Possible concerns about herbicide use in the long term are voiced and discussed.
- Greg proposes a motion to recommend that the board approve the proposed riparian planting easement at Howard Buford Recreation Area, as described in the Agenda Cover memo dated 8/4/2023, and allow the riparian plantings to move forward.
- Tim Foelker moves to approve the motion; Richard Vasquez seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

3. Equity Survey

- Parks has released a survey to the public to learn what barriers the public face most often. Parking fees and lack of public transportation has been identified as a barrier. Potential pilot programs/shuttles are being discussed as a possible option.
- Survey went live the first week of August, 87 people took the survey during the Pride festival, Parks is looking to spread access to the survey to get an accurate account of the public's opinion.

4. Security Cameras at HBRA

- Parks has a work order in with a local electrical company to start work on setting up the camera equipment.
- Estimated time for the cameras to be operational is currently sometime in December.

01:24:24 Staff & Committee Updates/Reports

1. Armitage Campground Expansion Update

- The entrance of the park is going to be redesigned as a two-way road instead on one way.
- Looking into all-inclusive nature play areas, working with branch engineering to create designs to suite the properties resources, natural areas, and improves the publics access to the park/campground.
- Please see Meeting Materials for details and designs.

2. Levy Update

- Brett and Latiffe Amado will be presenting to the board together, to provide an update on the levy and the improvements it is providing within Parks.

3. USACE Lease Renewals Update

- Five leases will be up for renewal in the next 5 years.
- Looking into having a representative from the Corp. designated to work closely with Parks as the renewals are negotiated.
- Safety concerns involving existing equipment that the Corp. previously installed is being encouraged to be inspected and improved.

4. Report from Michael Allen

- Harbor Vista has some large Scotch broom plants that may need to be removed before they spread to other properties.
- There is an issue with dumping in Park dumpsters in the coastal parks

01:42:15 Open

- Schedule a second field trip for the PAC.
- The public would like Harvest Boat Landing security to be discussed in the future.
- Zumwalt park may be an opportune location near a bus stop for the public to access if they do not have access to a motor vehicle, may be marketed as a bicycle friendly park.
- Mt. Pisgah is closed temporarily due to imminent fire danger.
- Covered bridges may be marketed as a party venue as a strategy to create revenue and maintain the historical structures.

01: 50:57 Operations Reports

- Parks Division Retreat occurred in July.
- Upcoming hiring of more Parks staff
- Current campfires ban in Parks due to Extreme fire danger; meetings have occurred amongst staff and hosts for create consistent safety measures throughout parks

01:55:20 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Put Covered Bridges on the agenda for the next meeting
- Jodi contacting the PAC about her article
- Put Pac members on the mailing list for the eNewsletter

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM